

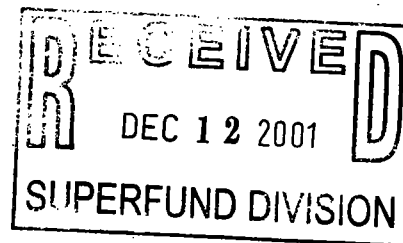


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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Response to General Notice and Documentation of Extension to Respond to Information Request
Chemical Recovery Systems Site
Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

On behalf of Berenfield Containers, Inc., formerly known as Berenfield Steel Drum Company, (collectively "Berenfield"), we are writing in response to the letter dated November 9, 2001, received from Thomas Nash, Associate Regional Counsel for the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA"), regarding the Chemical Recovery Systems site in Elyria, Ohio (the "Site"). This letter serves as a response to the General Notice provided to Berenfield in the November 9th letter and as documentation of Thomas Nash's approval (via email) of Berenfield's request to extend the deadline to respond to the Section 104(e) Information Request until December 28, 2001.

This response to the General Notice is timely submitted as Berenfield received verbal approval from Thomas Nash to submit the General Notice response concurrent with the documentation of the approved extension to file the response to the Section 104(e) Information Request.

The General Notice received from USEPA requested that Berenfield notify USEPA of its willingness to perform or finance activities at the Site. Berenfield is in the process of reviewing its records and the evidence provided by USEPA purportedly linking Berenfield to the Site. If Berenfield determines that it is a potentially responsible party, Berenfield is willing to cooperate with USEPA regarding activities at the Site.

Please direct further correspondence concerning this matter to me.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Kolesar

cc: L.H. Berenfield

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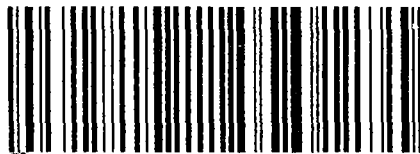
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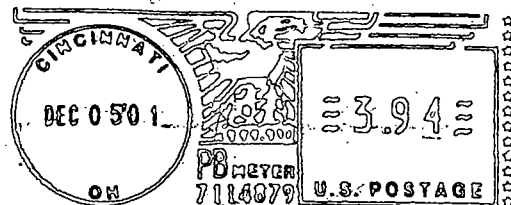
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